

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 7: 00p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (Absent), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms (Absent), Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Excused)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Samuel Prue, Police Chief and Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works,

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Stephenson

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with the following modifications:

- Addition of 8.2 – AARP-Providing Free Tax Preparation beginning in April every Wednesday 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., by appointment
- Addition of 8.3 – Cereta Lee, Register of Wills January 26, 2011 at 10:00a.m. to discuss Will Preparation
- Addition of 8.4. – Park & Planning Meeting Sector Plan Subregion IV, Wednesday, January 19, 2011 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

1.1.5. Reading/Approval of Public Session, Public Hearings and Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes:

- It was motioned by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson to approve the Regular Work Session minutes for Monday November 1, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilwoman Stephenson and seconded by Councilman Porter to approve the Speed Camera Public Hearing minutes for Monday, November 1, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson to approve the Public Session minutes for Monday, November 8, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilman Raynor and seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson to approve the Commercial Truck Route Proposal Public Hearing minutes for Monday, November 29, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. LEGISLATION

- Ordinance O-11-04 Commercial Truck Route was introduced by Councilwoman Elenora Simms and the first reading was declared on Monday, November 1, 2010 and the second reading . The second reading was conducted on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The City Clerk conducted another reading on Monday, December 13, 2010 after amendments were made to Ordinance O-11-04.
- Council President Gatling stated that the legislation will be postponed until January 2011 due to the number of votes required for passage of legislation.
- Emergency Ordinance O-11-06 Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Council and the first reading was declared on Wednesday, December 08, 2010. The second reading was conducted on Monday, December 13, 2010 with an amendment as an Emergency Ordinance.

- Council President Gatling stated that the legislation will be postponed until January 2011 due to the number of votes required for passage of legislation.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Grant stated that he and the Council have progressively moved forward with the plans for the Feggans Center.
- He reported that Councilwoman Gatling, Councilman Porter and Councilwoman Simms serve on the committee along with staff personnel Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, April Bonner, Special Assistant to the Mayor and Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk.
- He reported that the site that will be developed on 15 acres of land that is owned by the City.
- He pointed out the various locations on the site to be developed. We had a very good meeting with Park and planning last week. They stated that we can get permits in 45 days. The senior housing may require an additional approval.
- The current City Hall building will become the Public Safety building.

4.2. Council President Report:

- Council President Gatling stated that her report is on the table. If anyone has any questions, please see her after the Public Session.

4.3. Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department-

- . The Fire Chief was absent and no report was submitted

4.4. City Administrator Report-

- Mr. Ashton reported that he has received the report of the appraisal on the Feggans Center and he will be moving forward.

4.5. Code Enforcement Officer

- Ms. Andrews was absent from the Public Session on Monday, December 13, 2010. The Code Enforcement Officer report was submitted in writing.

4.6. Finance Department

- Mr. Ashton stated that they approved his tax designation, and he placed a copy in the Councilmember's mailboxes.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that a resident was impressed on the information on Annuity and IRA's in the newsletter.

4.7. Police Department

- Chief Prue stated that his report was on the table. He reported that there will be a two (2) week training class in Seat Pleasant Elementary School on Public Safety.

4.8. Public Works Department

- Mr. Thompson read the written report submitted on the leaves and stated the curbside pickup will end on December 29, 2010. Bates Trash will continue to pick up leaves that are properly bagged on Wednesday's.
- He stated that the snow season is here and we are preparing to deal with this year's winter. We have ordered some equipment which has not yet arrived, but we are making preparations for a support back up plan. We need the residents to remember when the snow starts to come down, please park your cars in your driveway, and as close to the curb as possible. This will ensure no interference with the snow removal procedures.
- He stated that we are still asking that the residents continue to look out for people that are illegally dumping all over the City. We appreciate the citizens that have come forward.
- He reported that the City Hall now has a new roof and J.T. Services has done a fantastic job in putting in a new state of the art flat roof.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Wilhelmina Evans, 617 64th Avenue, Seat Pleasant, MD wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Elmer Mims, 7227 G Street, Seat Pleasant, MD stated that the City employee's are not picking up the papers left on the street. One of the Public Works employees told him to pick it up himself.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1. None

8. ANNOUNCEMENT- Tree Lighting Ceremony Immediately after Public Session

8.1. Happy Holiday's


8.2. AARP-Providing Free Tax Preparation beginning in April every Wednesday 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., by appointments

8.3. – Cereta Lee, Register of Wills January 26, 2011 at 10:00a.m., to discuss Will Preparation

8.4. Park & Planning Meeting Subregion IV, St. Margaret's Church, Wednesday, January 19, 2011 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

ADJOURN- The meeting adjourned at 7:29p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk